Calendar—remedies for evil effects of eclipses.

11. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Calendar of 1108 published by the Government contains the following recommendations of remedies for the evil effects of eclipses:—

ചന്ദ്രഗ്രഹണത്തിനും ഭൂമിയേയും സ്വർണ്ണത്തേയും യോഗ്യനായ ബ്രാഹ്മണനു് യഥാവിധി ദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നതു കൂടാതെ സ്വർണ്ണം കൊണ്ടുള്ള സർപ്പപ്രതിമയെ ചെമ്പുപാത്രത്തിൽ എള്ളോടുകൂടി വെച്ചു് വസ്ത്രവും പണവും കൂടി യഥാവിധി ദാനം ചെയ്യുകയും ഇതല്ലാതെ സ്വർണ്ണം കൊണ്ടെങ്കിലും അരമാവുകൊണ്ടെങ്കിലും നാഗപ്രതിമയുണ്ടാക്കിവെച്ചു പണവും കൂടി യഥാവിധി വേദജ്ഞനായിരിക്കുന്ന ബ്രാഹ്മണനു് ദാനം ചെയ്കയും ഒരു പലമെങ്കിലും അതിൽ പകുതിയെങ്കിലും, പാതിയിൽ പാതിയെങ്കിലും അതിൽ പാതിയെങ്കിലും തക്കതുപോലെ സ്വർണ്ണംകൊണ്ടു ഒരു നാഗപ്രതിമ ഉണ്ടാക്കിച്ചു് ആ പ്രതിമയുടെ ഫണത്തിങ്കൽ മുത്തുരത്നത്തേയും വെച്ചു ചെമ്പുപാത്രത്തിലാക്കി ഓട്ടുപാത്രത്തിലെങ്കിലും വെണ്മയുള്ള ഇരുമ്പുപാത്രത്തിലെങ്കിലും നെയ്യും നിറച്ചു് ഇതു് രണ്ടും കൂടി യഥാവിധി ബ്രാഹ്മണനു ദാനം ചെയ്ക.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Posts—Forest Department.

12. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give:—

(1) the total number of posts of (a) peons, watchmen and masapadies; and (b) other posts in the Forest Department;

(2) the number of posts separately in (a) and (b) held by each of the following communities: Nayars, other cast-Hindus, Christians, Muslims, Ezhuvas, other non-caste Hindus and others;

and (3) the number of applications received and appointments made in 1107 and 1108 for posts in (b) from among Nayars, other caste-Hindus, Christians, Muslims, Ezhuvas and other non-caste Hindus and others separately?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) (a) Peons 17
Watchmen (Watchers) 91
Masapadies 1
(b) 141

(2) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(3) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Works undertaken by P. W. D. without provision.

13. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works above Rs. 1,000

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undertaken by the Public Works Department in 1107 for which no provision was made in the budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A list is appended. (*Vide Appendix V*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Appendix V. May I know why these works for which no provision was made in the budget were undertaken?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Many of them were very urgent works and some of them, though started in the previous year could not be completed in the previous year and so had to be carried out in the next year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The work which was unfinished was known to the department when the budget was framed.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were not works included in the budget lapsed in 1107?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Some works might have been lapsed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether these works were undertaken at the sacrifice of the works provided for?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Works done without calling for tenders.

14. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works done in 1107 for which no tenders were called for by the P. W. D?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The following works were entrusted without tenders.—

1. Extending tank shed, constructing drain, etc., in the Cranganur Chief's Palace.
2. Constructing a monument with ornamental enclosure in the Tullocks Gardens, Madras.
3. Works in Tullocks Gardens in connection with the visit of His Highness the Maharaja to Madras.
4. P. C. R. works to Hill Palace.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these works entrusted to contractors or done departmentally?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Entrusted to the contractors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why no tenders were called for?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I should like to know which particular work the Member refers.

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